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**IDAHO JOURNALIST REPLACES CANADIAN COLUMNIST
FOR UM LAW-JOURNALISM CONFERENCE**

MISSOULA --

James Shelledy, editor and publisher of the Idahonian in Moscow, Idaho, will replace Canadian columnist Marjorie Nichols as a speaker at the University of Montana law-journalism conference April 27 in the University Center Ballroom.

Nichols, a national public affairs columnist for the Ottawa Citizen, has cancelled her appearance due to illness.

Shelledy, who is also editor and publisher of the Daily News in Pullman, Wash., will discuss "News on Trial: How the Media Cover the Courts" from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the conference, titled "Allies and Adversaries: The Press, the Bar and Justice."

Francis Dale, president of the Mansfield Center Foundation at UM, was scheduled to speak at 3:15 p.m. Instead, he will present "Full Court Press: The Imperial Judiciary vs. The Paranoid Press" from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., when Nichols was scheduled to speak.

In 1974 Shelledy was sued for libel by a fired narcotics division supervisor over a news story. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt of court for not revealing a source's name. On the day of jailing, the judge pulled the order and instead heard motions from the plaintiff. The judge was not re-elected, and his successor instructed the jury to treat the

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source as if he didn't exist or that quotes were wrong. Shelley won the libel case in 1980 in spite of that hurdle.

For the past two years, Shelley has served on the Pulitzer Prize jury. Since 1986 he has served on the Allied Daily Newspapers Journalism Education Committee. Before working for the Moscow-Pullman papers, he was a reporter and executive editor of the Lewiston Morning Tribune in Lewiston, Idaho, and before that reported for the Associated Press. In 1966 he earned a degree in journalism from Gonzaga University in Spokane.

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